

# Maurice Hinchey NEWS

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### **RECOVERY CENTER AWARDED \$432,463 TO HELP HOMELESS**

#### ***THREE ULSTER COUNTY AGENCIES ALSO RECEIVE GRANTS***

WASHINGTON - U.S. Representative Maurice Hinchey (NY-26) today announced that the Recovery Center in Monticello has been awarded a grant of \$432,463 through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Supportive Housing Program. Three agencies in Ulster County were also awarded SHP grants totaling \$453,423.

"Homelessness continues to be a serious problem in many of our communities," said Hinchey. "HUD's homeless assistance programs allow local agencies to acquire the tools and facilities they need to support homeless people and help them achieve independent living."

The Supportive Housing Program helps homeless providers to acquire, build, renovate and operate facilities that serve homeless families and individuals. These providers offer homeless people the housing and supportive services they need to move out of homelessness and live independently.

The grant for the Recovery Center funds 15 rental units that provide decent, affordable and supportive housing for those recovering from chemical dependency. It also provides funding for two on-site support staff.

"The Supportive Housing Program has enhanced the Recovery Center's effectiveness dramatically," said Veronica Uss, Director of the Recovery Center. "It has allowed us to reach people we wouldn't have been able to reach otherwise. This award will also benefit the community beyond the services being provided by putting money into the housing industry."

In addition to the Recovery Center grant, the following Supportive Housing Program grants were also awarded:

- Rural Ulster Preservation Company and Gateway Community Industries, \$182,598
- Mental Health Association of Ulster County, \$179,054
- Family of Woodstock, \$91,771